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OH ENGLAND, *England*! The *Abominations* of the greateſt part of thy *Inhabitants*, who can declare them! They have reached Heaven, ſo as they are come up before the Lord, the Jealous God; and *Wo* unto that part of thy *Inhabitants*, who have ſinned out the Day of their *Viſitation*, and have wholly ſlighted the Day of *God's patience*, and *long Forbearance*, and would have none of his *Reproof*, but have altogether rejected the ſame, and have made a mock at *Sin*, and have ſported themſelves with their own *Deceivings* and *Luſts*, and have gone a Whoring from under the God of their Lives: Wherefore thus ſaith the Lord, the onely God; *I will make ſuch become a Hiſſing* and *Reproach*, *and my Anger they ſhall not be able to Eſcape*, *becauſe of their provoking Abominations*, and *Treacherous Dealings both with Me and Man*.

Oh *England*, *England*! How have, and yet do, a great part of *thy Inhabitants* Ruſh into *Idolatry*, and all manner of *Profaneſs* and grievous *Abominations*, even as the *Horſe* and *Mighty* Ruſh into the Battel! How do they drink in *Iniquity* even as the *Ox*, or *Parched Ground*, drinketh in Water! Oh! What manner of *Lamentation* ſhall I make for thee, my *Native Countrey*! Or, What manner of *Complaint* may I take up againſt a great part of thine *Inhabitants*, who have long Sought, and yet ſeek thy *Ruine* and *Deſtruction*! Verily, their Actions have Declared them to be like the Inhabitants of *Sodom*; Yea, their ſins have rendred them to be as bad as thoſe of *Gomorrah*. O they have *Vexed* the Righteous Soul; Yea, and they have *Grieved* the Spirit of the Lord from *Day* to *Day* with their *Unjuſt Converſations*. They have multiplied their *Tranſgreſſions*, and heaped up their *Iniquities* till they are become as the Sand on the Sea-ſhore without Number. Oh! The Lord hath long ſtriven with them; yea, He hath alſo long born their *Iniquities*, He would have gathered them to himſelf out of their *Abominations*, Yea, he would oft have healed them, But they would not; but they have ſtiffned their Necks, and hardned their Hearts againſt the Lord and his Counſel day after day, and

have choſen their own *wayes* and *works* even to their *own hurt*, and would by no means be reclaimed; for when the Lord hath reproved them (by the Light of his Son in their own conſciences) and ſet their ſins in order before their eyes, they have *ſtopped* their *Eares*, and *cloſed* their *Eyes*, and willfully Rebelled againſt the Power of God, and trampled upon his Witneſs [the Light in them] as a thing of nought, counting it not worth the taking Notice of. And when the Lord hath raiſed up *Prophets*, *Children*, and *Servants*, and ſent them out, Commanding them *to lift up their Voyces like Trumpets*, *to ſhew the People their Tranſgreſſions*, *and to preach Repentance and Amendment of Life*: Yea, *to warn and exhort them to turn from their Sins to God, and to lay before them their great Abominations, and to Propheſie what ſhould come upon them, if they would not turn from the evil of their Doings*. Oh! how have a great part of *thy Inhabitants Scorned*, and *Derided* theſe! Yea, how have many of *thine Inhabitants Beaten*, *Whipt*, *Stock't*, *Stoned*, and *Impriſoned* ſome of theſe *till Death*, for bearing their Teſtimony for the Lord againſt *a crooked* and *perverſe Generation*, who *hate* ſuch as ſpeak *uprightly*, and *abhor* ſuch as *reprove Sin* in the Gate, that ſo it is even thus come to paſs in thee, *O England*, *That he that departeth from Iniquity*, *maketh himſelf a Prey* to this Generation of *Evil doers*, whoſe hearts are ſet upon their *Luſts*, *Idolatry*, and *grievous Abominations*! and the Lord hath beheld it, and it pleaſeth him, becauſe there is *no true Judgement*: for theſe Evil doers are *all* gone out of the way; yea there is *none* of them that regard to do the thing that's *Juſt* and *Good*, any further than it may be *advantagious* to their own *Corrupt Deſignes*.

Oh *England*, *England*! How oft hath the Lord God ſmote *thy Rulers* and *Mighty*, and *Proud Men*! how oft hath he laid their Honour in the Duſt! Yea, How oft hath he *Overturned* and *Confounded* thy *Mighty Men*, even thy *Men of War*, with thy *Princes*, *Nobles*, and *Captains* of Thouſands, Hundreds, and Fifties! O how oft hath he *Overturned thy Governments*, and *Changed thy Governors*! But how few of them have ſo *Regarded* the *Out-goings* of the Lord in all theſe things as they ought to have done? And how few of them have rightly *Weighed* and *Conſidered* the Cauſes for which the Lord hath brought or ſuffered ſo many *Changes* in the Land? Or, have thoſe who ſaw the Cauſes that provoked the Lord of Hoſts thus to Act, laboured ſo to remove them as they ought to do (or might)

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have done? Nay, Assuredly they have not; for the *Lusts* of this World, and the *Pride* of Life hath blinded the minds of most; and such who have seen what their Duty was, the *honour of this World*, and that cursed *Self-interest* hath stopped and hindred most of them from doing those things which they saw they ought (and which they had opportunity also) to have done. Oh! How have the *new Governors* in almost every *Change* of *late*, cryed out of the *Tiranny* and *great Oppression* of those whom they did Succeed? and, how have most of them *Vowed* unto God, *Declared* to, and *Promised* the People, *That they would Remove the Burdens and Oppressions that the foregoing Rulers had Laid, and Continued upon them:* But *alas*! very few of them, have regarded *their Vowes, Declarations, and Promises*, either *to God* or *Man*; but in *Treachery* and *Deceit* have they gone on, Serving themselves and their own Lusts, and not the Lord nor their Generation faithfully: For, although many of them have been very *large in Promises* and *Good Words* (whereby they have long sought to Deceive the hearts of the People) yet it is but very *Little* that hath been done for their *true Liberty*; because that wicked Spirit, which seeketh to make it self great by the Ruine of others, hath *Ruled*, and doth yet *Rule*, in the hearts of many Rulers; and this is of the Devourer and Destroyer, who cannot *forgive Enemies*, but Crys out of *Rebellion* and *Treason*, labouring to exasperate the Spirits of Others, that so occasions may be gotten, if possible, against them, thereby to bring them under, and keep them in Bondage.

Oh *England*, *England*! Such is thy sad *Estate* and *Condition*, that severall of thy *Rulers* are, and have been, as *roaring Lyons*, even greedy *to Devoure*; And many of thy *Teachers* have been, and yet are, like *Troops of Robbers*, Robbing and Spoiling of many of thine Inhabitants. Oh! How have most of thy *Prieists Temporized*, and *Daubed* with every Power, as they have come up in the *many Changes*! How have they encreased *Envy*, *Wars*, and *Destructions*, amongst thy *Rulers* and *People*! How have they *one time Cryed up*, and *Prayed* for the *same Thing*, which, at *another time*, they have *Cryed down*, and *Prayed against*! Oh! Who shall ever believe them? Their *god* is their *Belly*; and who is it that many of them would not Joyn unto, if thereby they might be upheld in *Pride*, *Idleness*, and *Fulness*? How oft would they *Change again and again*? And what *Idolatry* is there that many of them would not Run into for their *Bellies sake*? Ah poor Nation! Are they not yet striving to kindle a Flame within

within thy Bowels? Hath not the Lord divided them? and, are they not labouring with all their might to *Divide* and *Rend* thy Inhabitants yet *more* and *more*? Yea, surely, and it is just with the Lord to suffer it to be so; because of the greatness of their *Abominations*, which are daily encreased.

Ah poor Land! How art thou overspread with *Waſters* and *Spoilers*! who like *Caterpillars* devour thy *Pleaſant Fruit*. Oh! the *Whoredoms* and *Idolatries*, that are daily committed and acted in thee, Who can Declare them! Oh! thy *Chief City*, thy *Chief City*, that *bloody City*! Can its *Abominations* be *Paralleld* in the Earth! Surely it hath Exceeded *Sodom* in Wickedneſs. The Lord is very *Angry* with a great part of its Inhabitants, and his *Vengeance* is nigh to come upon them. *Wo unto you Whoremongers, Drunkards, Gluttons, Swearers, Curſers, Blaſphemers, Cheaters*, and *Idolaters*! *Wo unto you, Proud, Wanton*, and *Prophane, Vain Perſons*! *Wo unto you, Mountebanks, Stage-players, Bear-baiters, Gamblers*, and all manner of *Abominable Workers*, and you that Build up *Towers, Scaffolds*, and *Vain Heatheniſh Repreſentations* and *ſuch like*; and make and garniſh *Images*, to draw peoples minds after *Idolatry*, and for your *Curſed Gain* and *Luſts*, in pretence of *Honouring your King*. Oh! How are people drawn into *Gazing* and *Wondring* after theſe *Abominations*! It grieveth the Righteous Soul to behold ſuch great *Wickedneſs*! Oh! You *Wicked* and *Abominable Workers*, and *Devourers* of the Creation! The Lord God will meet with you in a time when ye are little aware of Him, He'l *Stain your Pride, Vain Glory* and *Idolatry*, and give you your Portion amongſt *Devourers* (except you ſpeedily Repent) and your *Abettors, Strengthners*, and *Helpers forward* of ſuch Ungodlineſs (that do it knowingly) and *Delighters* therein, The Lord will not acquit you, He'l ſmite you for theſe things, and that right ſoon. O! Ye, *Idolatrous people*, Do you think, that the Lord God of Pitty and Patience, ſuffered your King to Hide himſelf from his Enemies *in an Oake*, for that end, that ye might *Devour* his Creatures in makeing an *Idol of it*? Is this the uſe you make of that which you ſay was *Gods Mercy* towards you? Is not this the way to turn thoſe things, that might have been Mercies to you, into Plagues and Judgments? Oh! How do you *Daily provoke* the Lord againſt *Your ſelves*, and your *King*? Oh! You *Wicked Workers*, How dare you make *Repreſentations* of *Deſtruction* and *Ruine*? How dare you make a Sport

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of such things? Verily, *your Provocations* are great, wherewith *you provoke* the *Just God*; And it will be Just with him to bring *Ruine, Desolation*, and *Destruction* upon *you* and your *City*; Verily, great is the Judgement that is nigh you, and your sins draw it on you apace. Do you think that the Lord cast out *Back-sliders, Hypocrites*, and *Unfaithful men*, to set up and establish *Idolaters* and open *Prophane persons*? Nay surely: Therefore *Tremble* ye *Wicked Workers*, and *Howl* ye *Prophane Idolaters*, for the *Mighty* and *Terrible day* of the Lord *is near* to break out upon you. Thus saith the Lord God, I'le *Scatter*, I'le *Scatter*, I'le *Split*, *Divide*, and *Separate*: I'le *Break* and *Dash to Peices*, *and none shall be able to Gather, Bind up, or Joyn together*: *For mine Anger is kindled, and my Jealousie shall burn till I have devoured mine Enemies*, saith the Lord.

Therefore ye people of *England* (that) yet live in wickedness) who have not wholly timed out the day of your *Visitation*, To you I now speak; You that feel the Lord yet striving with you; O *Return, Return* speedily unto the Manifestation of his Spirit, whereby he strives with you, to shew you your *Abominations*, and to draw and lead you out of the same; O be not still *Stiff-necked*, but hearken to the Word of the Lord, which shewes you the thoughts and Intents of your Hearts, and hearken and be obedient to the Call thereof, that so by its power you may *Hasten* out of *Babylon*, both *Young* and *Old*, *Rich* and *Poor*, *High* and *Low*, *Noble* or *Ignoble*, *Professor* or *Profane*, who yet are there; For the Lords Controversie is great with *Babylon* her *Merchants*, and *Inhabitants*; and he will not much longer spare, but he will suddenly smite, and none shall be able to hinder his stroak: Yea, yea he will *wound* and none shall be able *to heal*; For the *measure* of her *Iniquities*, *Idolatries*, and *Whoredoms* are *nigh full*, and the Wine of her Fornications, hath caused the Earth to overflow, and she is come up into remembrance before the Lord, the Just God, who will Plague her and all her *Merchants* and *Inhabitants* according to their *Abominations*, whereby they have grievously provoked *Him*. Therefore, come out of her, whilst Mercy and Time is offered, lest you perish with her in her Judgments, which the Lord is Strongly and Swiftly bringing upon her.

Oh *England, England*! A day of *Sorrow* and *Calamity* is comeing upon many of thy *Inhabitants*, I have long been sensible of it; even a day of such *Breaking*, *Confusion* and *Judgement*, as hath

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not been *for a long ſpace*; For thy People have Wearied out the Lord *with their Iniquities*, and grieved his holy Spirit *with their Abominations*, days without number.

O *England, England!* The Lord hath a *Precious* and *Holy Seed* in thee; Yea, He hath a *Remnant*, which he hath Raiſed by his Power to, & for himſelf, which are exceeding precious in his ſight; and theſe a great part of thine Inhabitants have *Shamefully entreated*, and *grievouſly oppreſſed*, and *perſecuted*; And they have *Patiently* born the ſame, and have labored in the Life of *Innocency*, and Spirit of *Emanuel*, to Inform thy *Rulers* and *People* in the Things that are *Juſt* and *True*, and have ſhewn them the *Wayes* which have, and do *Diſpleaſe* the Lord, and have Exhorted and Warned th; Inhabitants, Time after Time: But notwithſtanding their *Doctrine*, *Lives*, and *Converſations* have manifeſted their *Innocency* and *Uprightneſs* of Hear before God and Man, Yet have many of thy *Rulers*, *Prieſts*, and *People*, *Oppreſſed* them *more* and *more*; Some *Spoiling their Goods*, others *Impriſoning their Bodies*, in filthy *Holes* and *Dungeons*, till Several of them have Sealed their Teſtimony for the Lord with *their Blood*, which cryeth *for Vengeance* in the Ears of the Almighty, and the Lord hath heard the Cry thereof, and hath looked down and beheld the *Actings* of the ſons of men, and he is neat to Viſit; Yea, the Lord hath *beheld*, and doth *behold*, the Snares that have been, and are laid for the Innocent, who have no other Helper but him alone; and therefore they have Committed their Cauſe unto Him who ſhall bring it to paſs: Yea, he hath taken Notice, how ſeveral of thy *Rulers* have combin'd together, and endeavoured *to Force* His *Babes* to Violate his Royal Law, and to Break his Command (who ſaith, *Swear not at all*) to Uphold and Obey theirs, which is Contrary to his; Yea, He hath taken Notice of the *Cruel Sufferings*, and great *Temptations* of his People, who, many of them, are *yet Impriſoned*, and both their *Bodies* and *Eſtates* threatned to be Deſtroyed (by ſome evil men) if they will not break the Royal Law and Commandement of Chriſt, which he hath placed in their hearts to Obey & Do. Oh! The Lord hath ſeen the *Partiality* and *evil Intents* of ſeveral of the *Judges* and *Rulers* of this Land, who have had Power to let the Innocent go free, and yet keep many of his *Miniſters* and *Servants* (many of which have outward Eſtates) Priſoners in many places; although they have no more againſt them, than againſt thoſe whom they have turned

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forth, which is nothing else but for their Obeying the Command of Christ in them, (who this day saith unto his People, **Swear not at all**, as he said to his Disciples formerly) and *for meeting together*, and *Speaking* and *Praying* in his Name, for the *Edifying*, *Comforting* and *Building up one another in their most holy Faith*. The Lord hath also taken notice, that when some of the Rulers might Relieve *the Innocent*, and let *the Oppressed go free*, they will not; and then to cover themselves, they will say, *They cannot act contrary to the Law:* But when a Ruler will act that which he hath no Law for, he can then plead *a Prerogateve Royal for that*: and thus are the innocent Lambs of Christ made a Prey upon.

Oh! the **Oppressions** of his People, and others, are great this day in thee, O Land; and the Crying of the *Fatherless*, the *Widows* and the *Needy* is come up before the Lord God of Compassion, who will thorowly plead the Cause of his People, and the Poor and Needy of the Land.

Oh *England*, *England!* I have oft heard and treasured up what the Lord hath said in me, concerning thy Inhabitants; but now must I declare it in the Appointed Season, Thus hath the Lord spoken in me for a long time, concerning thy Inhabitants, saying, *The People are* **too many**, *the People are* **too many**; *I will* **thin them**, *I will* thin **them**: [Mark] that **is**, *He will make them* **fewer**, for they cumber the Ground. And the Spirit of the Lord hath oft signified unto me, for a long time, *That an* **Over-flowing Scourge**, yea, *even an exceeding* **great** *and* **terrible Judgement** *is to come upon thee, O Land!* and that many in thee *shall fall* and be *taken away* in the Judgement; and the Spirit of the Lord signifieth unto me, that the *time draweth nigh*, and that the *Decree* of the Lord is so firm, that though some of the Lords Children and Prophets could appear so, as to stand in the *Gap*, yet should not that alter his Decree, only in the Righteousness of the Lamb they shall be hid and saved from his Wrath, what ever may be done to any of their Bodies; but his fierce Wrath and Indignation shall be poured forth upon the Ungodly, and a *great Desolation* and *Destruction* shall there be; for he will **overturn** and **overturn**, till he hath *dis-throned* & *thrown down* the *Man of Sin*, and *exalted* & *established* the Kingdom of his *Dear Son*, over all the Kingdoms of the World; and the *Kingdom* and *Dominion*, and the Greatness of the Kingdom under the whole Heaven shall be given to the Holy People, the Saints of the Most High, *whose Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom*,

and all Dominions shall serve and obey him, who is King of Saints.

Behold, ye *Despisers*, and *Wonder!* This is the Work which the Lord will accomplish by his own Power, though you will in no wise believe it; but you shall feel, even both *Hypocrites* and *Prophane*, that the Lord is able to bring to pass the thing that is in his heart.

And you who now think *to set up* and *establish* your Idolatry, and to live in *Prophaness* without *control*; and you who appear *so hot* against some of these things, and labour to stop and pull them down (mark) that you might set up and establish your own *Hypocritical* Will-worship in another *dark dead Form*, *I will frustrate* you both, saith the Lord God, and *you shall grind and waste* one *against* another, *as the* upper *and* nether *Millstone*; *And I will pluck out from you, and preserve a holy Seed, beyond expectation*; and I will *be avenged on you* for that which you have already *bruised*, or shall yet *bruise* (mark) And I will hurry and hurl *you round* with a mighty *Stream*; for the Waters shall *roar* and *swell*: And after I have executed my vengeance upon the *Rebellious* and *Treacherous Dealers*, I will then bring forth the *Remnant* of my Holy Seed, which shall be *preserved* from their *Fury*, and they shall spread over all, in my Life, Power Knowledge and Wisdom, wherein they shall stand in Dominion; Yea, and they shall rule the Earth in *Mercy*, *Justice*, and *true Judgement*; and they shall *forgive* and *love their Enemies* (as they do at this day) and do the thing that is *just* and *good* unto all, without *respect of persons*; yea, they shall seek the good of the whole Creation in the *true love* and *self-denial*; for the Spirit of *Love*, *Meekness*, *Healing* and *Restoring* shall mightily fill their tender Bowels, and my Blessings shall fill their Dwelling-place, and the Earth, for their sakes: these things will I accomplish by my own Power, and in my own time, saith the Lord God.

But although these things, touching the holy Remnant, shall certainly be fulfilled in their Season, Yet before they be fully accomplished, great will be the Tryals of many of the Righteous, and there will be *great Judgements* executed in thee, O land, by Him who oft-times maketh *a fruitful Land barren*, because of the *Wickedness* of them that dwell therein; and just will it be with Him to deal so with thee, because of the *great wickedness* of the greatest part of thy Inhabitants, who are departed and separated from the Spirit of Mercy, Love, Compassion and Healing, and are labouring to

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Devour, *Oppress*, and *Destroy* one another, and the whole Creation.

Oh *England*, *England*! There is also a People in thee who are come to see *the Great* **Idolatry and Superstition**, which many are now striving to revive and *set up* in thee; yea, there is a People in thee, which see and believe that the Worship which is now a setting up, with the *Vain* **Musick**, **Altars**, **Dresse** in *English*, and the foolish needless **Garments** *of the* **Priests**, and such like *Popish stuffs* that these things are **Idolatry**, **Folly** and **Vanity** *with them a mocking of God*; and yet some of these People will run after this *Vain Worship*, for **self-ends**, **slavish-fear**, and to keep themselves in esteem with, or amongst those who plead for it: And others there are in thee, who instead of being sorrowful for such Abomination and Superstition, or reproving the Practicers thereof in the solidise seasoned, savoury Life and holy Dread of the Lord God, they write and speak *scoffingly* of those things, even to the stirring up one of another into *vain Laughter*, and so make a Sport of others *Idolatry*; and this grieveth the Spirit of the Lord also, and doth not convince, but exasperate and harden those that are zealous for their *blind Worship* and *Superstition*.

There are also a great number of *brittle*, *fiery*, *rash*, *unsatisfied people* in thee, O Land, who are as *unstable* as Water, and these rebelling against the Light, not knowing the way of it, because they abide not in the path thereof, they are *restless*, *rouling*, and *raging* oft-times like the Sea; One time they will have a *Parliament*, and cry out, *They shall govern* and *heal them*; and when they have gotten them, in a short time they grow weary of them: And then another time, they will cry out *for a King*, and say, *He shall heal them*, and *make up their Breaches*: But these people are not long of one mind, for they are much like the *Athenians*, who spent their time in little else but either *to tell* or *to hear of some New thing*: These People also are like mighty Tydes in thy Chanels, *O England*, which one while run with *Violence*, driving all *unsetled*, *light*, *unfixed* things *one way*, and shortly after run with as much violence the contrary way: Therefore in a miserable condition are those Rulers whose strength is in such a People! And until Rulers come to be setled, and fixed in Him who is the *Rock of Ages*, and singly to rule in, and for Him, whom the Winds and the Seas obey, who maketh the Waters to stand on heaps, and divideth them hither and thither; and

altereth the natural course of *Tydes* as he pleaseth (as he hath done thine of late, to shew thee the Figure of the People) they can never be safe, neither will the People be still'd long together; but there will be *Swellings, Raggings, Overflowings, sore Breakings and Ruines.*

Oh! that the *foregoing Rulers* would have been perswaded to have Received Him for their Teacher, who Ruleth in the Kingdoms of Men, then should they not onely have seen, what the Lord cast out others before them for, but they should have been taught how to have denied all those things which the Lord was angry with others for, and they should have received Power to have abstained from the same; but they would not hear and obey the Lord, nor his Prophets, and therefore were they cast out also.

And therefore, Oh! that the *Rulers* that now are, would be perswaded (whilst they have their Day) by the Lord and his Servants, to receive the *Lord Jesus Christ*, to be their King and Teacher, and then they should not onely see for *what cause* the Lord cast them out, and *others* in their Age, but they should be taught to *deny* and *forsake* all those *things* which God was angry with them, and others for, and they should receive Power to do those things, which they and others before them left undone; But alas! How few are there that will *Hear*, *Regard*, and *Obey* the Prince of Life and his Followers, and therefore is Desolation coming as a mighty Flood, which none shall be able to stop.

Now all People, in what Sect or Opinion soever, in whom there are any true *Breathings* and *Desires* after the Lord, and the way of his Holiness, *Fear not*, neither *be Dismaid*, because of the *Rage* that you may yet see the Waters of the Land in, and because of the *Confusion* and *Cruelty* of the People; But *stand still* in that Life which begetteth *Breathings* and *Thirstings* in you after the Lord, that you may come to see and feel his *Salvation*, and that you may be gathered into that *Patience*, *Meekness*, *Contentedness*, *Rest*, *Peace*, and *Satisfaction*, which many of the dear Lambs and Children of my Father are gathered into, wherein they Lye down, and none can make them afraid, though their Bodies and Estates be oppressed and abused. Oh! *Stick not*, *Stick not* in your *Forms* without *Power*, neither Flee the Cross, any longer; but wait in the True *Simplicity*, to feel God's hand of Tender Love, which he reacheth forth to, and manifesteth *in you*, to lead and guide your minds into his Pure Worship, which is in the Spirit and in the Truth. Oh People! This

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is the Worſhip that he will ſet up. He will be *LORD* and *LAW-GIVER* in the Conſciences of his People, and thoſe that will not be content that *EMMANUEL* ſhould **Reign** over them, he will Slay them with the *Sword* of the *Spirit*, **The Words of his Mouth.**

Oh! *Hearken, hearken* a little, and *ſtand ſtill*, that you may hear the voice of the True Shepherd *in your own Hearts*, who calleth for Truth in the Inward Parts, and he will diſcover what lodgeth *Within*, and He will ſhew you the Way wherein you ſhould walk, and he will let you ſee what the Croſs is unto, and He will teach you when you are alone in your Beds, or where-ever you are; if you will receive Him who giveth you Life and Breath, whoſe *gentle Reproofs* and *Inſtructions* are the Way of Life.

Therefore you in whom the *Breathings* and *Deſires* after the Lord are; Conſult not with *Fleſh* and *Blood*, neither reaſon againſt the *Croſs*, but ſubmit to every Appearance of Gods Power in you, which appeareth to Crucifie the Fleſhly Birth and Nature; which hath ſtood, and doth ſtand in Rebellion and Enmity againſt the Pure and Precious Life, and Requirings of the Lamb of God; that ſo that Mind which is at enmity againſt God, and that Nature in *you*, which is diſobedient to his Commands in Spirit, may come to be Crucified, that ſo there may be a Change Inwardly felt and witneſſed, by the working of the mighty Power of Chriſt in your Inward Parts; and then the *Deſires* and *Breathings* which are Begotten *in you* after *Righteouſneſs*, they will be ſtrengthened, and the *Teachings* of the Almighty will be Truly known, and you believing in the Power, you will receive Power to obey and Practiſe whatſoever the Lord ſhall make known unto you by his Spirit to be his Will and Requirings.

Oh People! Let the Dread of the Lord *Seize upon your Spirits*, in this the Day of his Power, wherein he is *Trying, Sifting* and *Winnowing* the Nations, and wait to feel that Life arife *within you*, which beareth *Teſtimony* againſt *all evil* **within** and **without**; that ſo ye may become more and more acquainted with the *Teachings, Drawings*, and *Leadings thereof*, that thereby you may be drawn and led out of thoſe things which have kept your Souls in the Death, and hindred you from enjoying the Pure Peace of God. And this know and conſider; that all that come to witneſs their Souls raiſed out of

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Death, and brought to enjoy the Peace of God, they must Believe in the Life of the Quickning Spirit, *which is the Second Adam, the Lord from Heaven*, who *for Sin* Condemneth *Sin in the Flesh*, and appeareth in the *Inward Parts* of man, to work *out Sin* and *transgression*, (which hath Separated from God) and so to make clean the heart and inside of male and female.

Oh People! This is the Work of Christ the Son of God, even *to make* manifest and destroy the *Works of the Devil*, and so to reconcile man unto God, by the Virtue of his *own Life*, which he gave *a Ransome* for many; and blessed are all those that believe in the Life of the Son of God, and feel and know it *manifested* in their mortal flesh; for they shall witness the Power of it to make all things new, and so their Souls will come up in the hand of God, and his Peace will be Received and Enjoyed.

Oh people! *Wait* to know, and feel this Work of Christ *within you*, that so you may be made able to Stand in the Judgement, and to Endure the Tryal, and that you may be Hid from the Wrath of the Lamb, which is nigh to come upon the *Rebellious*. Oh! Consider this, Those that are his Followers, they come throw *many Tribulations*, and their *overcoming* their Enemies is by his Blood, not by *a talk of it*, but by *the Virtue* and *Power of it* sprinkled *in their Hearts*, which washeth and maketh them White, Clean, and without Fault before God. Oh People my *Bowels yearn!* my *Bowels yearn* towards you! whose *Desires* in any measure, are after the Lord: O that you would now Return with all your hearts unto Him, and obey the Voice of his Power *in you*; then should you be made able to stand, and endure the fiery Trial which is come and coming. Oh! the Day *hastens* wherein all *Profession* that is not grounded in the Life and Power of the Lord Jesus Christ (whatever the shew of it be) it will be so shaken, that an utter Blasting and withering shall come upon it; and for that cause the Lord doth, and will yet suffer great Trials to come, both upon the *Professors*, and *Possessors* of his Name; that so his *Children* [the *Possessors*] may be manifested unto all, and discerned from all that are but *Professors*, though never so fair and seemingly Covered; For all Coverings but what is of the Power and Spirit it self, shall be too Narrow; and all that are not Covered with the Spirit and Power of *Emmanuel*, their Shame and Nakedness shall appear more and more. This is the Testimony which the Spirit and Word of Truth giveth; therefore,

fore, *He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear*, before the day of his Visitation be wholly past, and the things belonging to his Peace be hid from his Eyes: For *yet a little while and the Voice shall be*, **He that is filthy, let him be filthy still**; *For the Spirit of the Lord shall not always strive with Flesh*, but his **Plagues** and **Indignation** shall be poured out upon such as will not be *gathered* in the Day of his *Patience, long Forbearance*, and *Free-Love*; and He or She that Loveth *Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Children, House*, or *Land, Liberty, Honour*, or *any Thing* more than *the Life* of the *Lamb*, shall be counted not worthy of him, and plainly manifested so to be: *Read this who can; and he that can receive it, let him: For the Time draweth nigh that these Sayings must be fullfilled.*

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THE END.